

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A phenolic resin composite material, comprising:

a phenolic resin;

a filler dispersed in the phenolic resin and being a reinforcement member; and

an organized layered clay mineral comprising a layered clay mineral which is organized by an organic onium ion, said organized layered clay mineral being different from the filler and dispersed uniformly in the phenolic resin;

wherein said filler and said organized layer clay mineral are included in a summed amount of 75% by mass or less when the entirety is taken as 100% by mass.

2. (Previously Amended) The phenolic resin composite material according to claim 1, wherein said phenolic resin is a resol phenolic resin.

3. (Original) The phenolic resin composite material according to claim 1, wherein said filler is at least one member selected from the group consisting of glass fibers, calcium carbonate and wooden powders.

4. (Currently amended) The phenolic resin composite material according to claim 1, wherein said ~~organized~~ layered clay mineral is sodium-montmorillonite ~~a sodio-montmorillonite which is organized by an~~ and said organic onium ion is octadecyl ammonium ion.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Original) The phenolic resin composite material according to claim 1, wherein said filler is included in an amount of from 30 to 65% by mass when the entirety is taken as 100% by mass.

7. (Original) The phenolic resin composite material according to claim 1, wherein said organized layered clay mineral is included in an amount of from 2 to 65% by mass when the entirety is taken as 100% by mass.

8. (Currently Amended) A phenolic resin composite material, comprising:

a phenolic resin being a mother matrix;

a filler, dispersed in the phenolic resin and being a reinforcement member, in an amount of from 30 to 65% by mass; and

an organized layered clay mineral comprising a layered clay mineral which is organized by an organic onium ion, said organized layered clay mineral being different from the filler and dispersed uniformly in the phenolic resin, in an amount of from 2 to 10% by mass, when the entirety is taken as 100% by mass.

9. (Currently Amended) A heat-resistant resinous member being formed from a phenolic resin composite material comprising: a phenolic resin; a filler dispersed in the phenolic resin and being a reinforcement member; and an organized layered clay mineral comprising a layered clay mineral which is organized by an organic onium ion, said organized layered clay mineral being different from the filler and dispersed uniformly in the phenolic resin.